

Batts and Folliard Family Story

There are several mysteries and legends about the history of the Batts and Folliard families. This article is an attempt to identify, and potentially solve, these mysteries. The main subjects of this article are Carl Edward Batts and Margaret Katherine Folliard.

As with many origin stories, there has been a certain amount of misinformation passed down as family lore. Some may be simple mis-remembering or over-statement of events, but others could be willful efforts at concealment. As with any effort to research a subject after their passing, all one can do is look at the available records and documents in an attempt at clarification.

Carl's Story

Carl Edward Batts came to the United States in the early 20th Century. Family lore was that he had been a soldier, and worked on a ranch, before settling in Chicago. A story was also passed on that Carl was possibly an illegitimate descendant of the Von Battenberg family. This last item appears to be total fabrication.

Trying to trace Carl's background proved a real challenge. Even the family name of 'Batts' seems to be a question.

One of the first records located for Carl 'Batts' is the 1930 United States Census for the 17th ward, of Chicago, Cooks County, dated April 14, 1930. This census finds Carl, at age 36, and his wife Margaret (Folliard), age 34; and their son Carl, 5 months old; living on 61st Street.

Carl's birthplace is identified as Germany, and Margaret's is listed as the Free-State of Ireland. Carl's 'immigration' date was originally recorded on the census sheet as '1917', but is struck through and '1900' is written in. Margaret's immigration date is listed as 1911. Carl's occupation is listed as 'machinist', in 'US service'.

Although Carl's adjusted immigration date is listed as 1900, there are no records for Carl in the 1910 or 1920 censuses. Likewise, there have been no immigration records found for Carl.

The 1900 immigration date is also suspect, as Carl would have been only 7 years of age, and there are no records, or family history, of Carl arriving with any other family members. The 1917 immigration date is also suspect, as that was during

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World War 1, and while the United States was officially neutral during the early years of the war, immigrants from Germany would have been documented. Additionally, with Germany on a wartime footing, it would be doubtful they would let a military-age young man leave the country.

The lack of solid information in the first batch of available documents posed a problem in properly identifying Carl; however, a little more diligent digging finally bore fruit.

Record hits in the Social Security Death Index and California Death Index shed some light on Carl. Carl's death date (June 26, 1980), and location (San Diego, California) were known. These indexes were searched for information. Both indexes list Carl's date of birth as August 10, 1893, with the same social security number.

Interestingly, two different sets of records popped up. One record was for Carl Edward Batts, and another record was for Carl Edward Batto. Both records have the same birth and death dates, and the same social security number.

So, it appears that Carl's family name was modified at some point, possibly not officially, but at least in usage. This knowledge allowed further investigation.

A record that was located for Carl utilizing the family name Batto came up in a listing in the US Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File. This record lists *Carl E Batto*, born on August 10, 1893, died on June 26, 1980, with the same social security number. The record includes Carl's enlistment date as February 24, 1917, and a discharge date of June 4, 1920. So, Carl did in fact serve in the US military during the 1st World War time period.

Additionally, in the US Veterans Administration Master Index, Carl's name is listed as *Carl Frederick Botto*, but with the same birth date and service dates.

So now there are a total of three different versions of Carl's family name: *Batts*, *Batto* and *Botto*; and different middle names (Edward and Frederick). This provided the key to locating and identifying additional records and information.

In a renewed search, a series of record hits occurred for Carl Frederick Botto.

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A Declaration of Intention for US Naturalization dated February 12, 1917 was located for Carl Frederick Botto. This Declaration was filed in the District Court in St. Louis, Missouri.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE
ORIGINAL

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DECLARATION OF INTENTION

Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof

United States of America, } ss: In the District Court of the United States in and for
Eastern District of Missouri, } the Eastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District
of Missouri.

I, CARL FREDERICK BOTTO, aged 23 years,
occupation Machinist, do declare on oath that my personal
description is: Color white, complexion fair, height 6 feet 0 inches,
weight 175 pounds, color of hair light brown, color of eyes blue,
other visible distinctive marks tattoo marks on both forearms.
I was born in Magdeburg, Germany
on the 10th day of August, anno Domini 1893; I now reside
at LaSalle Hotel, Broadway & Chestnut Sts., St. Louis, Mo.
(Give number and street.)
I emigrated to the United States of America from Bremen, Germany
on the vessel "KAISER WILHELM DER GROSSE"; my last
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance or name of transportation company should be given.)
foreign residence was Magdeburg, Germany; I am not married; the name
of my wife is _____; she was born at _____
and now resides at _____
It is my bona fide intention to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign
prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to William II,
German Emperor, of whom I am now a subject;
I arrived at the port of Hoboken, in the
State of New Jersey, on or about the 25th day
of May, anno Domini 1913; I am not an anarchist; I am not a
polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith
to become a citizen of the United States of America and to permanently reside therein:
SO HELP ME GOD.

Carl Frederick Botto
(Original signature of declarant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the office of the Clerk of said Court
at St. Louis, Mo., this 12th day of February
anno Domini 1917

[SEAL] M. W. Naeff, Clerk.
By _____, Deputy Clerk.

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¹ Missouri, US, Federal Naturalization Records, 1856-1942. District Court, Eastern District, Eastern Division, St. Louis, Declaration of Intention V30-34 (Cont) No 13905-15755 1917

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This Declaration lists Carl, as a machinist, his known trade, residing in St. Louis. He is listed as 23 years of age, with a birth date of August 10, 1893. The place of birth is listed as Magdeburg, Germany. Carl listed his arrival date as May 25, 1913, aboard the ship the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Additional searches indicate that Carl's arrival date and the ship's name do not pan out. The Kaiser Wilhem did arrive in New York in May 1913, but not on the 25th; and Carl's name is not on the passenger list for that voyage.

Additional searches produced a Petition for Naturalization for Carl E. Botto, dated June 1, 1918.

This Petition was filed in San Antonio, Texas, where Carl was serving as a soldier, stationed at Fort Sam Houston. Carl was working in the mechanical repair shop. The petition states that Carl entered the US Army on February 24, 1917, and was still in service. Carl's arrival date in the US is listed as May 21, 1913, in New York City, but omits a ship's name.

The petition lists Carl's birth date as August 10, 1892, and birthplace as Zurich, Switzerland. In 1918, with the United States at war with Germany, the switch of his birth location to Switzerland on the Naturalization Petition makes sense.

What is consistent between these documents is Carl's birth date, August 10th (although the years vary), and that Carl likely arrived in the US sometime in May 1913, at the port of New York. Additionally, Carl's trade is consistent; he was a machinist, or some tasks related to mechanical repairs.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

No. 1194

The statements contained herein constitute the record of the examination of the applicant and his witnesses made by me in accordance with the requirements of section 7 of the Act of Congress approved May 9, 1918.

U.S. Naturalization Examiner

Ht 5 ft 11 1/2
Color White
Complexion Light
Eyes Blue
Hair Brown

To the Honorable the United States District Court of Western District of Texas at San Antonio, Texas

The petition of Carl E. Batts hereby filed, respectfully sheweth:

First. My place of residence is 4th Mechanical Rep ship. No. 34 Fort Sam Houston Texas

Second. My occupation is Soldier

Third. I was born on the 10 day of August, 1899, at Swiss Switzerland

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from Hamburg, Germany in or about the 14 day of April, 1913, and arrived in the United States, at the port of New York N.Y. on the 2 day of May, 1913, on the vessel Meru

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the _____ day of _____, anno Domini 1 _____

Sixth. I am not married. My wife's name is _____; she was born on the _____ day of _____, anno Domini 1 _____

at _____ and now resides at _____

I have _____ children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is as follows: _____

This petition is filed under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved May 9, 1918.

I entered the U.S. Army on March 1917 and am still in the Service.

Seventh. I am not a disbeliever in or opposed to organized government or a member of or affiliated with any organization or body of persons teaching disbelief in or opposed to organized government. I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. I am attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and it is my intention to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce absolutely and forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to _____ of whom at this time I am a subject, and it is my intention to reside permanently in the United States.

Eighth. I am able to speak the English language.

Ninth. I have resided continuously in the United States of America for the term of five years at least immediately preceding the date of this petition, to wit, since the _____ day of May, 1913, and in the State of Texas continuously next preceding the date of this petition, since the 23 day of March, 1917, being a residence within this State of at least one year next preceding the date of this petition.

Tenth. I have not heretofore made petition for citizenship to any court. (I made petition for citizenship to the _____ Court of _____ at _____ on the _____ day of _____, anno Domini 1 _____, and the said petition was denied by the said Court for the following reasons and causes, to wit: _____ and the cause of such denial has since been cured or removed.)

Attached hereto and made a part of this petition are my declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States and the certificate from the Department of Labor, together with my affidavit and the affidavits of the two verifying witnesses thereto, required by law. Wherefore your petitioner prays that he may be admitted a citizen of the United States of America.

Declaration of Intention No. _____ and Certificate of Arrival No. _____ from Department of Labor filed this _____ day of _____, 191 _____

NOTE TO CLERK or CLERK.—If petitioner arrived in the United States on or before June 26, 1908, strike out the words reading "and Certificate of Arrival No. _____ from Department of Labor."

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AFFIDAVITS OF PETITIONER AND WITNESSES

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

The undersigned petitioner being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the petitioner in the above-entitled proceedings; that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof; that the said petition is signed with his full, true name; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

Carl E. Batts occupation Soldier residing at Fort Sam Houston Texas

and W. H. Heylman occupation Soldier residing at Fort Sam Houston Texas

each being severally, duly, and respectively sworn, deposes and says that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he has personally known _____ the petitioner above mentioned, to have resided in the United States continuously immediately preceding the date of filing his petition, since the _____ day of April, 1913, and in the State in which the above-entitled petition is made continuously since the _____ day of April, 1913; and that he has personal knowledge that the said petitioner is a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and that the petitioner is in every way qualified, in his opinion, to be admitted a citizen of the United States.

W. H. Heylman (Signature of witness.)
W. H. Heylman (Signature of witness.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named petitioner and witnesses in the office of the Clerk of said Court this _____ day of _____, anno Domini 1918.

W. H. Heylman Clerk.

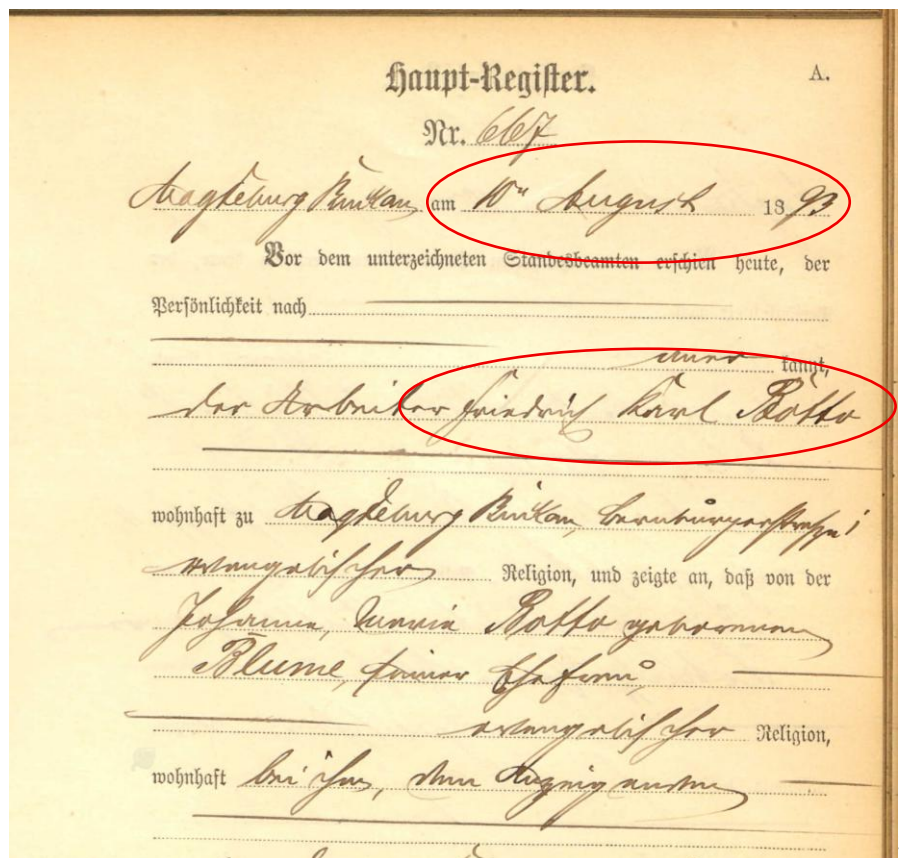
By _____ Deputy Clerk.

² Texas, US, Naturalization Records, 1852-1991; San Antonio, Naturalization Petition by Military Servicemen, Volume 2b, 1918

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With a firm birth date (August 10) and a birth location (Magdeburg, Germany), and several naming options, a new search was undertaken for additional records for Carl.

The search came up with a birth record for Friederich Karl Botto, with a birth date of August 10, 1893, in Magdeburg, located in Buckau, Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany. The record includes the name of Carl's parents, Friedrich Karl Botto and Johanna Marie Blume.



A review of available Magdeburg records shows that Friedrich and Johanna were married on January 15, 1881, in Magdeburg. In addition to Carl, they had at least 4 other children: Johanna Christiane and Carl Gustave, born in December 1883; Johanne Elise, born in December 1885; and Johnna Charlotte, born in October 1897. Christiane and Elise both died in childhood.

³ Magdeburg, Germany, Births, 1878-1903

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As noted previously, Carl married Margaret (Maggie) Folliard, and they were residing in Chicago at the time of the 1930 US Census. A contemporary marriage record for Carl and Margaret has not been located. A Certificate of Marriage, dated November 4, 1966, lists Carl and Margaret's marriage date as June 21, 1924, and lists Patrick Folliard and Della Folliard as the witnesses.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE



THE RECORDS OF THIS CHURCH CERTIFY
ON

the 21 day of June, 1924
Carl Batts, age years
Son of and

AND

Margaret Folliard, age years
Daughter of and

Were joined in the Holy Bonds of
MATRIMONY
according to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

Said Record is signed by Rev. J. B. Scanlon
The witnesses: Patrick Folliard
Della Folliard

Dated Nov 4, 1966
Rev. James Dunne

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Records indicate Carl and Margaret had an unnamed son, who was born and died, on September 13, 1926. They had a second son, Carl Eugene, who was born on October 13, 1929.

The family (Carl, Margaret and Carl) continued living in Chicago, and were included in the 1940 and 1950 US Censuses. Carl worked as a mechanic for the US Postal Service, and Margaret took care of the home.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)			
SERIAL NUMBER U 4429	1. NAME (Print) Carl Edward Batto		ORDER NUMBER
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 8956 S Morgan St. Chicago - Ill.			
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)			
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same			
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
4. TELEPHONE none	5. AGE IN YEARS 48	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Zurich	
(Exchange) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH Aug. 10, 1893	(Town or county) (State or country) Switzerland	
(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Marguerite Batto (wife)			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS U. S. Post Office - M. V. S.			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 742 S. Canal St.			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)		16-21630-2 (over)	
		Carl E. Batto (Registrant's signature)	

Carl's WW2 draft registration card from 1942, listing his name as Carl Edward Batto, with a birthdate of August 10, 1893, in Zurich Switzerland.

⁴ US World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942

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Margaret's Story

Much of Margaret (Maggie) Katherine Folliard's early life was less of a mystery than Carl's; although there were still several questions that required research to achieve answers.

Margaret was born in Benmore, Roscommon County, Ireland on June 19, 1895.

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TO ALTER THIS DOCUMENT OR TO UTTER IT SO ALTERED IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE.

Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1863. Form A.

Uim. (No.)	Dáta agus áit Dáite (Date and Place of Birth)	Ainm (Name (if any))	Áit (Place) (No.)	Ainm, Slíne agus áit Comártaí an áite (Name and Surname and Dwelling-place of Father)	Ainm agus Slíne na Máthar (Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother)	Stáim Gearrád an áite (Rank or Profession of Father)	Siomán Cártaíoch agus áit Comártaíoch an Páistíoch (Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant)	Dáta Clárúcháin (When Registered)	Siomán an Clárúcháin (Signature of Registrar)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	1895 June Nineteenth 469 Benmore Parish of Kiltulagh	Margaret Female		Pat Folliard Benmore	Mary Folliard formerly Kett	Land- holder	Mary Folliard mark Mother Benmore	August Twenty eighth 1895	Patrick Donnell Clárúcháin Registrar.

Is Fíor-cóp í seo d'iontráil a bhí i n-ábairt na mBairtí i n-ábairt an Áiríocháir i mBairtí ára Clárúcháin.
Certified to be a true Copy taken from the Certified Copies of Entries of Births in the General Register Office, Dublin.

Tugca pé Séala Oifige an Áiríocháir
Given at the General Register Office, Dublin, under the Seal of the Office, this } Lúich } Lá só de } Febrúar }
day of } day of }

Copied
Checked
Examined

The Year of Birth shown in the above Certified Copy is
Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-five

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The family is recorded in both the 1901 and 1911 UK censuses, as living on the property called Benmore, Kiltulagh, in Roscommon County. In the 1901 census, Bridget Ronan-Folliard, Margaret's grandmother, is listed as the head of the household, and Patrick Folliard is listed as her son.

⁵ Certified copy of birth information, dated February 6, 1943, Castlereagh, Roscommon, Ireland

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CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.
(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A. No. on Form B. /

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

Number	NAME AND SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lame.
	Christian Name.	Surname.									
1	Bridget	Folliard	Head	Roman Catholic	Read only	62	Farmer	Widow	Roscommon	Irish & English	
2	Pat	Folliard	Son	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	44	Miller	Widower	Roscommon	Irish & English	
3	Walter	Folliard	Grandson	do	Read & Write	13	Scholar	Not married	do	Irish & English	
4	Winifred	Folliard	Daughter	do	Read & Write	11	Scholar	do	do		
5	Pat	Folliard	Gr. Son	do	Read only	10	Scholar	do	do		
6	James	Folliard	Gr. Son	do	Read only	9	Scholar	do	do		
7	Michael	Folliard	Gr. Son	do	Read only	7	Scholar	do	do		
8	Margaret	Folliard	Daughter	do	Read only	6	Scholar	do	do		
9	Bridget	Folliard	Daughter	do	Cannot Read	3	Scholar	do	do		
10	Eleanor	Folliard	Gr. Daughter	do	Cannot Read	2	Scholar	do	do		

Margaret's mother, Mary Margret Hett, died prior to the 1901 census, leaving 10 children: Walter, born in 1888; Patrick, born in 1889; Winifred, born in 1890; Michael, born in 1891; James, born in 1893; Margaret, born in 1895; Thomas and Mary, born in 1896; Bridget, born in 1897, and Eleanor Theresa, born in 1898.

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911.
(Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.)

FORM A. No. on Form B. /

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.

Number	NAME AND SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.		WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lame.
	Christian Name.	Surname.						Whether "Married," "Widowed," "Single," or "Divorced."	Children born alive.			
1	Patrick	Folliard	Head	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	47	Farmer & Miller	Married	22	do	Irish & English	
2	Mary	Folliard	Wife	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	46		Married	22	do	Irish & English	
3	James	Folliard	Son	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	19	Farmer's Son	Single	1	do		
4	Walter	Folliard	Son	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	18	Farmer's Son	Single	1	do		
5	Margaret	Folliard	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	16		Single	1	do		
6	Delia	Folliard	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	13	Scholar	Single	1	do		
7	Eleanor	Folliard	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	12	Scholar	Single	1	do		
8	Sarah	Folliard	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	7	Scholar	Single	1	do		
9	Pat	Folliard	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	5		Single	1	do		
10	Norah	Folliard	Daughter	Roman Catholic	Cannot Read	1		Single	1	do		

Patrick then married Mary Anne Payton, and they had an additional 5 children: Della or Delia, born in 1902; Anne born in 1904; Catherine, born in 1909; Sarah, born in 1911; and Norah, born in 1912.

⁶ 1901 Census, United Kingdom, Roscommon County, Ireland, March 31, 1901

⁷ 1911 Census, United Kingdom, Roscommon County, Ireland, April 2, 1911

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Of the children of Mary Hett, it appears that Walter, Thomas and Eleanor remained in Ireland, the other children emigrated to the United States. Of the children of Mary Payton, only Norah appears to have remained in Ireland, the others emigrated to the United States.

Most of the siblings settled in and around Chicago, creating a large family base which helped to support the later arrivals.

Part of the family lore is that Margaret and her brother James were in line to board the boat bringing them to the US, but the gate came down and they were forced to take the next boat. According to the story, the boat that they missed was the Titanic.

While the story may have been embellished, there are a few kernels of truth. Margaret and James were in Queenstown (now known as Cobh) in mid-April, and did depart on the Cunard steamship RMS Laconia on April 14, 1912. The Titanic had departed Queenstown on the afternoon of April 11. Margaret and James were originally listed as passengers aboard the Cunard steamship RMS Mauretania, which also departed Queenstown on April 14; however, they were apparently transferred to Laconia.

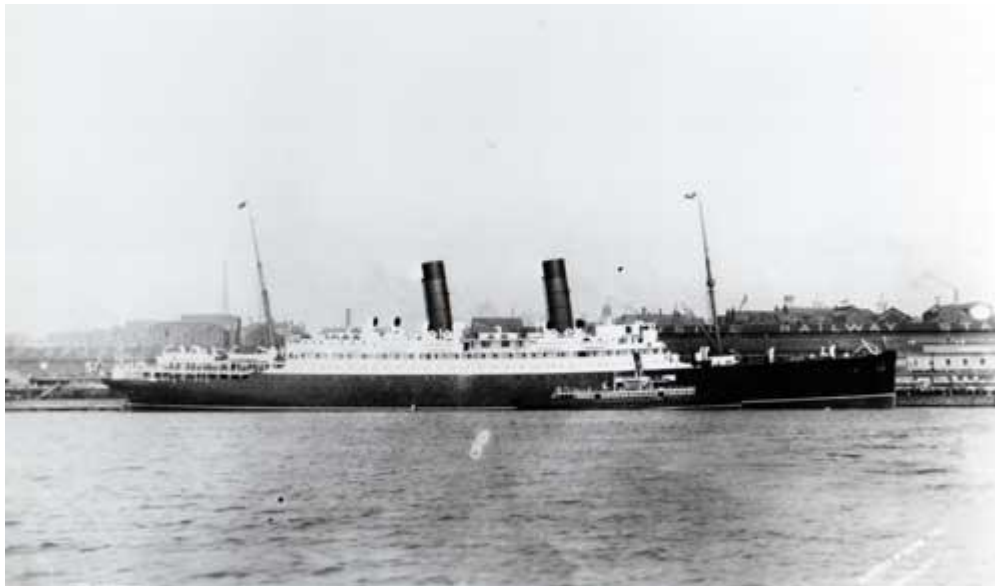
Name of Ship <u>Laconia</u> Date of Departure <u>April 14th</u> 19 <u>12</u> Where bound <u>Boston</u> P.M. 21.																	
Port of Departure <u>Queenstown</u> Steamship Line CUNARD. 51																	
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF <u>Queenstown</u>																	
(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS. A C. I.	(3) CLASS. (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	(5) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers. In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday.						(7) Country of last Permanent Residence.†	(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†					
					Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Children between 1 and 12		Infants.								
					Accom- panied by husband or wife.	Not accom- panied by husband or wife.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	England.	Wales, Scotland, Ireland.	British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.	
444937	Walter Burke	1	3 rd	Boston	Labr												

⁸ UK Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960

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44919	Michael ✓	/		✓	✓	✓	labor	28		✓	✓
44920	Annie Brown	/		✓	✓	✓	Keeper	45		✓	✓
44601	Maggi Polliard	/		✓	✓	✓	Servt	a		✓	✓
44557	Jimm Kelly	/		✓	✓	✓	labor	32		✓	✓
44558	James Polliard	/		✓	✓	✓		20		✓	✓
44602	Margt. Train	/		✓	✓	✓	Servt	24		✓	✓
✓	James ✓	x /		✓	✓	✓	Child	9		✓	✓
44642	Kate Davis	/		✓	✓	✓	Servt	19		✓	✓
44935	Wm Connors	/		✓	✓	✓		20		✓	✓

At the time of their departure on the 14th, the tragedy of the Titanic had yet to unfold. By the time Laconia arrived in Boston on April 25, the tragedy was worldwide news. The Laconia, which had only begun service in January of 1912, met its own tragic end just five years later, when it was sunk by a German U-boat.



RMS Laconia in New York harbor, circa 1912.

The passenger arrival list for the Laconia includes both ‘Maggie’ and her brother James, and lists their birthplace as Benmore, Cloonfad, Ireland. Both of their records include the name of their father, Pat; their final destinations in the US; and relatives residing in the US. In James’ case, his final destination is listed as Indianapolis, and his relative is his brother Patrick. In Margaret’s case, it was her sister Winnie in Chicago.

⁹ Frank Baynar www.grenvick.com/CunardLine/Ships/1911-Laconia-I

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Form 500-10
Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICE

BALCON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

3202 S. S. LACONIA sailing from QUEENSTOWN, 17th April, 1912.

No. on List	NAME IN FULL Family Name, Given Name	Age Yrs. Mos.	Sex Male or Female	Calling or Occupation	Abilities Read, Write	Nationality (Country of which citizen or subject)	Race or People	*Last Permanent Residence Country, City or Town	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came	Final Destination (If intended to remain permanently)
1	John	33	M	Seaman		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
2	Murphy, Patrick	34	M	Seaman		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
3	Travis, Margaret	19	F	Student		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
4	James	9	M	Child		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
5	Green, Jeremiah	16	M	Child		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
6	McGovern, Patrick	22	M	Seaman		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
7	Flanagan, Bridget	18	F	Seamstress		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
8	Kerry, Honora	60	F	Wife		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
9	John	23	M	Seamstress		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
10	Folliard, James	20	M	Child		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago
11	Margaret	19	F	Child		British	Irish	London, England	John J. Batts	Chicago

Interesting tidbit, 16-year-old Margaret apparently lied about her age when she emigrated to the US. She is listed as being '19' years old on the passenger list, thus passing as a legal adult.

No naturalization records have been located for Margaret Folliard, although she is listed as being a 'Naturalized' citizen in the 1930 Census.

No census record for Margaret Folliard has been identified in the Chiago area in the 1920 US Census. She is not listed singly, nor as residing with any family members.

An interesting record was located, which appears related to Margaret, but has not been 100% confirmed. The initial record was located in the Cook County Marriage Indexes, 1912-1942. It lists Margaret Folliard as the bride, and Jesse H Feldman as the groom. The marriage date is September 1, 1916.

Looking at the index, all those with the surname Folliard are Margaret's siblings, so it appears their family were the only Folliards in the area, at least at that point

¹⁰ Boston Passenger and Crew Lists, 1820-1943, Laconia, April 25, 1912

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in time. Also, as noted previously, there is no civil record for Margaret's marriage to Carl in the Cook County records.

COOK COUNTY MARRIAGE INDEX YEARS 1914 THRU 1942							PAGE NO 2976	C 07
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INIT.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INIT.	SERIAL NO.	DATE	
GRM FOLLET	VERMONT		BRD PEARSON	JEANNETTE	F	0933113	12-28-1921	
BRD FOLLEY	MARY		GRM MUEKERRIN	COHNAN		0675851	09-16-1914	
GRM FOLLEY	MITCHELL	K	BRD OENKE	ELIZABETH	H	0989083	06-21-1923	
GRM FOLLIARD	JAMES	E	BRD MCCANN	VERONICA	C	0944137	06-07-1922	
BRD FOLLIARD	MARGARET		GRM FELDMAN	JESSE	H	0739042	09-01-1916	
BRD FOLLIARD	MARY		GRM SIGMAN	PATRICK	J	0879544	09-08-1920	
GRM FOLLIARD	MICHAEL		BRD OCONNOR	MARGARET		0904906	06-01-1921	
GRM FOLLIARD	PATRICK	H	BRD HAMILTON	BESSE		0672978	08-17-1914	
BRD FOLLIARD	MARION	F	GRM DOUGLASS	RALPH	R	0737773	06-21-1916	
GRM FOLLICK	ELLIOT	L	BRD BACON	MARIE		0964618	10-24-1922	

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Jesse Hugo Feldman was born in Ohio in 1897. In addition to the marriage record, Margaret is listed as Jesse's wife on his World War 1 Draft Registration card, dated June 5, 1918, when they are listed as residing on Kenwood Avenue in Chicago.

¹¹ Cook County, Illinois Marriage Indexes, 1914-1942

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Serial No.	134	Registration No.	127
1	Name in full <i>Jesse Hugo Feldman</i> (Given name) (Family name)	Age, in yrs.	21
2	Home address <i>6056 Kenwood Ave Chicago Ill</i> (No.) (Street) (City or town) (State)		
3	Date of birth <i>April 26th 1897</i> (Month) (Day) (Year)		
4	Where were you born? <i>Norwood, Ohio, U.S.A.</i> (City or town) (State) (Nation)		
5	I am ☒ 1. A native of the United States. ☐ 2. A naturalized citizen. ☐ 3. An alien. ☐ 4. I have declared my intention. ☐ 5. A denizen or citizen Indian. (Strike out lines or words not applicable)	<i>Married</i>	
6	If not a citizen, of what Nation are you a citizen or subject?	☒	
7	Father's birthplace <i>Town on River Dnieper, Russia</i> (City or town) (State or province) (Nation)		
8	Name of employer <i>University of Chicago</i> Place of employment <i>Student also Librarian</i> (No.) (Street) (City or town) (State)		
9	Name of nearest relative <i>Mrs. Margaret Feldman (Wife)</i> Address of nearest relative <i>6056 Kenwood Ave. Chicago</i> (No.) (Street) (City or town) (State or Nation)		
10	Race—White, Negro, Indian, or Oriental. (Strike out words not applicable)		
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.  P. M. O. O. Form 1 (blue) (Signature or Mark of Registrant)			
REGISTRATION CARD. 12			

At the time of the 1920 US Census, 22-year-old Jesse was a student / librarian living in Madison, Wisconsin, and listed as 'single'; 21-year-old Margaret 'Feldman' was also listed as a student, but 'married', living alone, as a lodger, in Chicago.

It is unclear when the divorce was filed and finalized, but Jesse Feldman went on to marry at least two more times, and Margaret married Carl in 1924.

¹² US, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

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STATE Illinois COUNTY Cook TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY St. Francis NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE City of Chicago WARD OF CITY 21st SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT No. 1 ENUMERATION DISTRICT No. 1189 SHEET No. 5238

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____ ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE Eight DAY OF January 1920. Harold E. Reppert ENUMERATOR.

PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	CITIZENSHIP	EDUCATION	NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE		OCCUPATION
								Place of birth	Mother tongue	
18	<u>Martin, John</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
19	<u>Martin, Estelle</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Housewife</u>
20	<u>Folliard, Margaret</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Housewife</u>
21	<u>Folliard, John</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Housewife</u>
22	<u>Folliard, Mary</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Housewife</u>
23	<u>Folliard, Charles</u>	<u>Brother</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Housewife</u>
24	<u>Folliard, Grace</u>	<u>Sister</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<u>High school</u>	<u>Ireland</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Housewife</u>

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¹³ US Census 1920, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, 21st Ward; January, 8, 1920